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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Subj: THE MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY DRUG EDUCATION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (MCCDEAP)

Ref: (a) MCO P5300.12
(b) MCO P5720.60

1. Purpose. To publish the policies, procedures, and standards of the Marine Corps Community Drug Education Assistance Program (MCCDEAP).

2. Background. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1989 has expanded the Department of Defense's role in support of the nation's war on drugs. This Act specifically tasks the Department of Defense with the lead role in detecting and monitoring aerial and maritime transit of illegal drugs. These activities are categorized as efforts to interdict the supply and distribution of illegal drugs. In addition, the goals of the National counter-drug strategy and the Department of Defense tasking provide an implied mission for increasing service participation in reducing the demand for illegal drugs. While the interdiction of illegal drugs is similar to traditional military operations, efforts to reduce demand for illegal drugs are primarily involved in education and awareness.

3. Recommendations. Recommendations concerning the Marine Corps Community Drug Education and Assistance Program (MCCDEAP) are invited. Forward recommendations to Commandant of the Marine Corps (MH).

4. Information

a. This Order provides guidance for Marine Corps participation in programs designed to reduce the demand for drugs in civilian communities. The MCCDEAP is not intended to duplicate programs and policies outlined in reference (a).

b. The philosophy behind this program is to make Marine Corps resources available to civilian communities for local drug education, awareness, and information regarding establishment of treatment programs. In no case, however, should participation in this program reduce training and readiness.

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c. Participation in illegal drug education and awareness programs includes:

(1) Providing assistance in developing local drug rehabilitation programs.

(2) Participating in school anti-drug campaigns.

(3) Participating in socialization programs including the Boy Scouts, etc.

(4) Demonstrating Marine Corps values and no-tolerance drug policy.

(5) Providing voluntary leadership to youth programs.

(6) When requested, providing, on a case-by case and not-to-interfere basis, recreation and classroom facilities for anti-drug organizations. Reference (b) applies.

d. A significant number of individual Marines are involved in local programs, sports and recreation activities, and drug and alcohol programs. This Order encourages continued and increased participation in such activities.

e. Command's participation in MCCDEAP should help their local military and civilian communities achieve objectives in drug abuse prevention and education.

5. Policy

a. The MCCDEAP will augment, on a not to-interfere-basis, established community drug awareness and education programs. This augmentation includes providing facilities and manpower to support these programs. Marine Corps participation in community activities will be governed by reference (b).

(1) Marine Corps activities oriented toward reducing the demand for drugs will not duplicate the support provided by local agencies or other Federal agencies.

(2) The same level of support must be available to all legitimate drug education, awareness, and treatment programs in a local area. Participation is not authorized for activities intending or appearing to endorse, selectively benefit, or favor any private individual, group, organization, religion, section, ideological movement, political organization or candidate, commercial venture, or to solicit votes in a political campaign.

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(3) Volunteers participating in youth programs must refrain from actions that may be interpreted as recruiting efforts.

b. Commands providing this support will not establish new programs or become solely responsible for on-going community programs. Requests for support will be honored if providing assets does not reduce Marine Corps readiness or interfere with training. When Marine Corps substance abuse counselors (MOS 8538) are used in the MCCDEAP, their participation will not interfere with their primary duties of screening, evaluation, and treatment of Marines and their dependents. No action will be taken without a specific, written request from a responsible community authority. The following guidelines apply:

(1) Build participation on existing programs and facilities. Avoid duplication and limit unnecessary resource expenditures.

(2) Employ resources in a manner most conducive to traditional mission capabilities.

(3) Limit infrastructure changes and procurement solely dedicated to assisting local programs.

c. Individual Marines not assigned MCCDEAP duties as an additional duty may participate in this program on a voluntary basis. Marines should be encouraged to volunteer their time as long as it does not interfere with regular duties.

d. The cost for supporting MCCDEAP activities will be borne by local commands.

6. Action

a. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (CMC (M&RA)) is the designated officer overseeing execution of this Order and Marine Corps anti-drug education and community assistance activities.

b. The Director, Personnel Procurement Division (CMC (MR)) will establish a poster education campaign to advertise the Marine Corps non-tolerance policy towards drug use and encourage recruit-age civilians not to use drugs. These materials will be distributed to MCCDEAP coordinators and offered for display in local and Marine Corps facilities.

c. Major commands, Reserve units, and recruiting districts and stations will identify an officer or staff noncommissioned officer to coordinate local MCCDEAP projects. This assignment is an additional duty. The MCCDEAP coordinator will:

(1) Provide information to the local community about available resources, and how to request such resources for their drug abuse education and awareness program.

(2) If requested, participate in community task forces, study groups, or other programs designed to identify or enhance local drug awareness/education programs.

(3) Increase Marine Corps visibility in community activities such as graduation, awards programs, or other ceremonies involving drug education, awareness, or treatment programs.

(4) Publicize activities and inform Marines of the organizations and opportunities through which they can voluntarily participate in local anti-drug programs.

(5) Inform the local Public Affairs Officer of all support requests and actions.

7. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.



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